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Governor to sign Nevada Emergency Medical Services bill

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Over the past year, EMS providers throughout the state met with the Nevada EMS Task Force by compressed video meetings and telephone communications to discuss EMS issues. A priority concern was the need for a formal group to provide advice to the Nevada State Health Division, EMS leadership, and legislative representatives on the issues and direction needed to further the development of the Emergency Medical System in the state. This grassroots approach resulted in legislation to formalize a Governor-appointed Advisory Committee on EMS.

On Monday, June 7, 1999 at 2:30 p.m., Bill #365 will be signed into law by Governor Kenny Guinn, in his office, to address the advancement of Nevada's Emergency Medical Services.

Through assistance of the University of Nevada School of Medicine's Office of Rural Health, funding to initiate and support this effort was received. The Mason Valley Fire Protection District, the Nevada Emergency Medical Association, the Nevada Area Health Education Center, and the State Health Division-EMS section, were key organizations and agencies that propelled the passage of this legislation. On behalf of the EMS providers in the state, a debt of gratitude goes to all who worked to bring it about, with special recognition to Senator Mark Amodei and Assemblyman Joseph Dini, joint sponsors of this legislation.

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